

DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYEE TRUST FUNDS
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Bill Number (Author, Date)	Description	Status
AB 74 (Rep. Owens, 2/3/05)	Exempts from taxation retirement plan income received by an individual.	Referred to Joint Survey Committee on Tax Exemptions and Assembly Committee on Ways and Means. Hearing held by Ways and Means 3/30/05.
AB 81 (Rep. Musser, 2/3/05)	Allows crediting of post-1974 military service under the WRS.	Referred to Joint Survey Committee on Retirement Systems (JSCRS).
AB 94 (Rep. Montgomery, 2/8/05)	Expands the authority of villages to create combined protective services departments.	2005 WI Act 3.
AB 225 (Rep. Freese, 3/16/05)	Classifies county jailers as protective occupation participants for purposes of the WRS.	Referred to Corrections and the Courts and JSCRS. Passage recommended by Corrections and the Courts (8-2) 6/2/05.
AB 232 (Rep. Musser, 3/16/05)	Classifies employees of the Department of Military Affairs who perform security functions at state weapons facilities as protective occupation participants for purposes of the WRS.	Referred to Military Affairs and JSCRS. Public hearing held by Military Affairs 3/30/05.
AB 233 (Rep. Musser, 3/16/05)	Classifies certain librarians, teachers, and social workers employed by the state as protective occupation participants for purposes of the WRS.	Referred to Corrections and the Courts and the JSCRS. Public hearing held by Corrections and the Courts 5/18/05.

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AB 267 (Rep. Gottlieb, 3/28/05)	Prohibits a local government employer from paying the first 3 percent of earnings that an employee is required to pay under the WRS.	Referred to JSCRS.
AB 276 (Rep. Schneider, 3/28/05)	Provides that elections to credit required and additional contributions to the variable fund take effect immediately, rather than the following January 1.	Referred to JSCRS.
AB 361 (Rep. Hahn, 4/22/05)	Increases the minimum age to qualify for a retirement annuity under the WRS to 59.5.	Referred to JSCRS.
AB 430 (Rep. Suder, 5/17/05)	Classifies food service workers employed at certain facilities as protective occupation participants under WRS.	Referred to JSCRS.
AB 575 (Rep. Grigsby, 7/21/05)	Classifies social workers as protective occupation participants under the WRS.	Referred to JSCRS.
AB 590 (Rep. Vrakas, 8/2/05)	Provides that the reduction in the annuity under an option calling for a named survivor to receive 75 percent of the annuity paid to the annuitant takes effect the first day of the fourth month after the annuitant dies (same as SB 267).	Referred to JSCRS.
AB 598 (Rep. Cullen, 8/9/05)	Provides that the death benefit of any WRS participant who at the time of death was a participating employee and who died between January 1 and December 31, 1999, shall be retroactively increased.	Referred to JSCRS.
AB 747 (Rep. Sherman, 10/11/05)	Provides that non-teaching employees need only work 990 hours in an annual earnings period to receive one year of creditable service for early retirement purposes (same as SB 438).	Referred to JSCRS.

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AB 1033 (Rep. Krusick, 2/20/06)	Authorizes an off-duty peace officer to act outside his or her territorial jurisdiction under certain circumstances and makes such officer eligible for duty disability based upon such acts (same as SB 641).	Referred to Judiciary. Amended and Passed by Assembly 3/7/06. Referred to Senate Judiciary.
AB 1076 (Rep. Wieckert, 2/27/06)	Requires the DOA to contact investment companies to re-request that they establish a Wisconsin index fund consisting of publicly traded Wisconsin businesses, and requires the Wisconsin Deferred Compensation Board to make every effort to include such a fund under the Deferred Compensation Program.	Referred to State Affairs.
AB 1120 (Rep. Petrowski, 3/14/06)	Authorizes the use of accumulated unused sick leave credits and health insurance premium credits for the purchase of long-term care insurance for participants in the WRS.	Referred to Insurance.
SB 30 (Sen. Kedzie, 1/27/05)	Exempts from taxation certain amounts of payments or distributions received by an individual from a retirement plan, if such payments are not already exempt from taxation. The exemption applies to all qualified pension, profit-sharing, and stock bonus plans under the Internal Revenue Code (IRC), deferred compensation plans offered by state and local governments and tax-exempt organizations, self-employed plans, tax-sheltered annuities, non-qualified plans, and individual retirement accounts. The exemption first applies to tax year 2006 and the exemption is indexed.	Referred to Economic Development. Public hearing held 4/19/05. Passage, as amended, recommended 4/22/05. Referred to Joint Committee on Finance.
SB 60 (Sen. Wirch, 2/15/05)	Exempts from tax up to \$10,000 of pension payments received each year by an individual.	Referred to the Joint Survey Committee on Tax Exemptions.
SB 114 (Sen. Zien, 3/15/05)	Classifies county jailers as protective occupation participants for the purposes of the WRS.	Referred to JSCRS.

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SB 254 (Sen. Risser, 7/5/05)	Requires that educational support personnel and teachers, librarians, and administrators be treated the same in terms of qualifying for coverage under the WRS.	Referred to JSCRS.
SB 267 (Sen. Brown, 7/27/05)	Provides that the reduction in the annuity under an option calling for a named survivor to receive 75 percent of the annuity paid to the annuitant takes effect the first day of the fourth month after the annuitant dies (same as AB 590).	Referred to JSCRS.
SB 314 (Sen. Risser, 8/31/05)	Grants military service credit under the WRS for service in the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Environmental Science Services Administration.	Referred to JSCRS.
SB 316 (Sen. Reynolds, 9/7/05)	Requires ETF to make available for inspection and copying ETF records pertaining to participants who hold or held elective state public office, including the amount and type of retirement annuity that is paid, payable or projected.	Referred to JSCRS.
SB 438 (Sen. Jauch, 11/16/05)	Provides that non-teaching employees need only work 990 hours in an annual earnings period to receive one year of creditable service for early retirement purposes.	Referred to JSCRS.
SB 641 (Sen. Lazich, 2/28/06)	Authorizes an off-duty peace officer to act outside his or her territorial jurisdiction under certain circumstances and makes the officer eligible for duty disability based upon such acts (same as AB 1033).	Referred to Government Reform.